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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): INTERCONNECTION OF USERS VIA A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK,
FOR COMPETITIVE GAMING

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- ☒ 29 pages of Specification/Claims 1-56/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-2; 2 sheets) are attached.
- ☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to -- is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 0029734.1 filed December 6, 2000 in Great Britain, and foreign application No. 0121712.4 filed September 7, 2001, in Great Britain is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

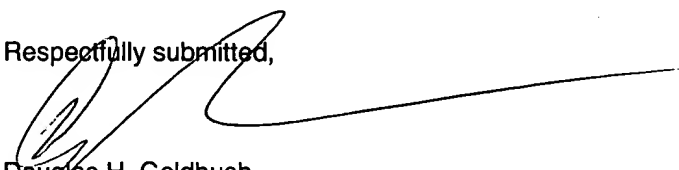
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